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1. Between 23 March and 15 April 1954, the barracks installation in Rosslau quartered about 5,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. At about 10 a.m. on 13 April, about 800 to 1,000 troops with field pack and 8 JS-2 tanks left the installation toward the demolition grounds where they made a practice attack toward Luko. The radio trucks participated. From 23 March to 15 April, 200 to 400 troops daily engaged in drill, and about 150 soldiers in fatigue duty, at the installations.¹ 25X1

2. Between 23 March and 15 April, the barracks installation at Kochstedt quartered 3,500 to 4,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery or tank insignia. No troops were seen departing. About 15 T-34/85 tanks were seen with the tank unit at the installation. Troops engaged in training activity.² 25X1

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3. Between 9 and 16 April, the barracks installation in Rosslau was occupied by about 3,000 troops. It seemed that only advance parties had departed. Troops engaged in intensive activity, predominantly in maintenance of motor vehicles. On 13 April, 250 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and carrying small arms and light packs marched from the railroad station in Dessau toward Kaserne Rosslau. The troops presumably came from the direction of Magdeburg.

4. Between 9 and 16 April, the water training site southeast of Rosslau quartered about 300 to 400 troops. Heavy bridge equipment for four bridges and 10 pontoon trucks lined up in a row were seen at Elbe River km 255. Troops at the camp engaged in reconditioning and enlargement work. No bridge building or other practices were observed on the water during the period of observation. During the last days, dis-assembled barracks sections arrived.³ 25X1

5. Between 9 and 16 April, the water training sites south of Brambach, south of the Flachsfabrik and south of Steutz were only lightly occupied by about 100 to 150 soldiers. No engineer equipment was noticed. Troops recently reconditioned and enlarged the camps.⁴ 25X1

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The exercise at regimental level conducted on 13 April does not indicate an imminent departure of the troops.

- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. The barracks installation in Kockstedt appears to have quartered the bulk of the 62d AAA Div (US) and a tank unit of the 7th Gds Tank Div.
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. Information indicates that elements of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GDFG were at their summer camps already in March. The disassembled barracks sections probably came from the camp east of Grosskuehnau. 25X1A
- 25X1A 4. [] Comment. As in March, the summer camps of engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army are carried as being occupied only by advance parties.

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